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It is very difficult at the present time to get medicaments in Czech pharmacies; it is even hard to obtain most common drugs, like aspirin. It is almost impossible to get glycerin. It might be true that under the premulgated national insurance act the vast majority of the Check population is theoretically given free medicaments when sick, but the doctors have strict orders to prescribe medicaments only in the smallest quantities and in 25X1 urgently needy cases. since the national insurance act went into effect, the scarcity of medicaments has been caused by the shortages of raw materials for their production, and rather extensive hoarding tendencies. Streptomycin is unobtainable for individuals and is used only in sanatoriums. It is administered to people under 45 years of age as a last resort only. 25X1 in some sanatoriums streptomycin is extracted from 25X1 the urine of patients it has been administered to, and used again for other patients.

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